

MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
INSPECTIONAL BUREAU
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

May 21, 1968

RE: Information received from Carver School.

Mr. Graydon P. Tines, Inspector,
Inspectional Bureau,
Building.

Dear Sir:

Upon your instructions to make telephone communication with Carver High School this date at approx. 10AM I made contact with Mr. Thompson principal at Carver, and advised him that I would be on a straight line to his office, and that if any unusual circumstances should arise to contact me on the number that I would give him. While talking with him he stated that some young people were supposed to come to his office at 11AM this date in regards to grievances. He did not know at this time who the persons were.

At 11:10AM I received a call from John Martin, who is an attendance officer for the Board of Education. He was at Carver School at this time and wanted the registration on 65 White Mustang bearing Tenn. EX 035L, that was parked on the Street South of the Cafeteria with five or six persons in the car. We found that it belongs to a C. Kyles, 241 Vaal.

At 11:53AM I called and talked to Mr. Stovall the Asst. Principal. He stated that 12 or 15 girls had gone to Mr. Thompson's office at 11:15AM in regard to the grievances, and that they were still there. He further stated that five attendance officers were at the school, and were located on the outside of the cafeteria area, and that a few invaders were present. One was Richard Cabbage; and another Gibson Harty. The others he did not know by name. He also stated that he heard that the Councilmen were coming out to the School today but this had not been confirmed.

At 12:05PM I received a call from Mr. Sweet, principal of Riverview Junior High, and he stated that a few boys had been in that area, but a car cruising in that area had dispersed them, and that tensions was quite high at the school.

At 12:30PM I again talked to Mr. Stovall. At this time he stated that the Invaders had left the area, and that they had received a bomb threat and that someone had pulled off the main switch to the lights in the Cafeteria but that had been corrected.

At 12:50PM Mr. Stovall called again and stated that the Councilmen were coming into the building at that time. At 1PM Mrs. King, secretary at Carver called and stated that the Councilmen were going to the Cafeteria for lunch, and she stated that she recognized Councilmen Netters, Councilman Davis, Councilman Hyman, Councilman Chandee and Councilman Blanchard.

At 1:30PM Mr. Stovall stated that the Councilmen had finished their lunch and he did not know whether they were still in the building or not. He also stated that one of the men with the councilmen had been introduced to him as Financial advisor to the Council but he did not remember his name.

At 1PM the writer called Porter School and talked to the principal. He stated that a Nite Colored by the name of L. J. Gibson, had been to the school and had asked permission to pass out material. He said he would not permit this and escorted him back to the front door. He stated that he had also checked the outside area and found that he was walking alone by himself.

At 1:23PM the undersigned called the principal, Mr. Hunter at Southside, and found that everything was quiet.

At approx. 2PM the undersigned along with Lt. R. J. Turner went to Carver School to pickup a list of the girls that presented the grievances to Mr. Thompson. The girls were as follows:

Adell Hunt, 16, 2115 Benford
Cynthia Smith, 17, 1010 Florida
Freddie Miles, 17, 261 Ingle
Levon Randle, 17, 174 or 1743 Dison W.
LaMorris Davis, 16, 258 West Faye
Beverly Jacks, 16, 1923 Benford.
Brenda Salsberry, 16, 280 First.
Gendolyn Randle, 17, 174 or 1743 W. Dison

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Rufus Engley, 16, 2022 Rile.

Henry Herman, 17, 1032 Florida

Caroline Randall 16, 171 or 1713 W. Dixon

Wesley Guy, 16, 127 Temple

Mildred Henry 15, 1801 Blair Hunt.

William Proby, 17, 1655 Pennsylvania

Genevieve Miller, 15, 157 Dison

Gloria Bell, 18, 405 West Dewart.

THE GRIEVANCES: were as follows:

1. Outlawing of Froms and other Campus Organizations.
2. Denial of our Black Students by making them straighten and cut their hair.
3. Unjust prejudiced teachers.
4. Black Teachers that have no respect for black students.
5. Expensive slob served.
6. Unjust suspension.
7. The striking of Black students by Black instructors.
8. The Plotting of teachers against students.
9. Homosexual Teacher failing black male students.
10. Outlawing of Recreational activities.
11. Flirtation of Male instructors toward female students.

Mr. Stovall has stated earlier that he had heard that there were plans afoot to burn the Cafeteria down. But as a whole, it appeared to have been a very quiet day.

While at Carver High. Lt. R. J. Turner obtained copies of the Black Literature being distributed there.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
T. E. Pedditt, Oct., 7120.

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